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France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

The Trusteeship Council,

Aware of the plebiscite scheduled for 6 February 1990 in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, on the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America,

Having been invited by the Administering Authority to dispatch a mission to observe the plebiscite,

Considering that it would be desirable to include in such a mission representatives of countries of the region that are not members of the Trusteeship Council,

1. Decides to send to Palau a visiting mission to begin on or about 29 January 1990 and to end as soon as practicable after the declaration of the results of the plebiscite;

2. Further decides that the Visiting Mission to Palau should be composed of five members, the members to be representatives of China, Fiji, France, Papua New Guinea and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; 1/

1/ At its ... meeting, on ..., the Council decided that the nominations to be submitted would automatically be approved when received.

3. Directs the Visiting Mission to observe the plebiscite, specifically the polling arrangements, the casting of votes, the closure of voting, the counting of ballots and the declaration of results;

4. Requests the Visiting Mission to submit to the Trusteeship Council as soon as practicable a report on its observation of the plebiscite, containing such conclusions and recommendations as it may wish to make;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and facilities to assist the Visiting Mission in the performance of its functions.

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Administrative and financial implications of the draft resolution contained in document T/L.1272

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 65 of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council

1. In accordance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 5 of the draft resolution contained in document T/L.1272, the Trusteeship Council would:

(a) Decide to send to Palau a visiting mission to begin on or about 29 January 1990 and to end as soon as practicable after the declaration of the results of the plebiscite (para. 1);

(b) Further decide that the Visiting Mission to Palau should be composed of five members, the members to be representatives of China, Fiji, France, Papua New Guinea and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (para. 2);

(c) Request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary staff and facilities to assist the Visiting Mission in the performance of its functions (para. 5).

2. It is understood on the basis of information made available to the Secretariat that the mission would be composed of five delegates. It is further assumed that it would be serviced by four staff members. On that basis the total estimated requirements of the mission at full cost would amount to $48,800, broken down as follows:

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Travel of delegates	24 400
Travel of staff	16 100
Mission operating expenses	8 300
Total	48 800

3. The initial appropriation for the Trusteeship Council's activities in 1990 approved by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session in the context of the 1990-1991 programme budget under section 3 amounts to $61,200. Therefore, should the Council decide to dispatch a visiting mission to Palau, the above appropriation would be sufficient to meet the cost of the mission.